

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

MARGARET WESTFALL, R.N.
License # NR 15180000

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about October 10, 2013, a letter issued to respondent on behalf of the Board, asking questions relating to her nursing practice, and asking her to submit certificates of completion documenting successful completion of required continuing education for the June 1, 2010-May 31, 2012 renewal period. Respondent replied that

she had taken required continuing education, but did not possess the certificates of completion at that time. She indicated in a communication dated October 22, 2013 that she would forward the documentation to the Board within twelve days.

3. No certificates of completion have been received to date.

4. On her 2012 renewal application, respondent indicated that she would have completed the required continuing education for the 2010-2012 renewal period by May 31, 2012.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to document required continuing education for the 2010-2012 renewal period constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting her to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

2. Respondent's indication on her 2012 renewal application that she would have completed required continuing education for the 2010-2012 renewal period by May 31, 2012 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on May 5, 2014, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a reprimand and a \$250 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents

or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order of Discipline was signed for. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board considered this matter, and determined that inasmuch as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board, service had been effected. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 11th day of July, 2014,
ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until she has provided the Board with documentation, in the form of certificates of completion, of having successfully completed 30 contact hours of continuing education to be attributed to the 2010-2012 renewal requirements.

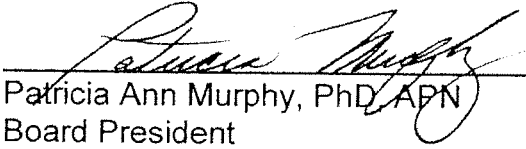
2. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for misrepresentation on her 2012 renewal application.

3. A \$250.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the failure to timely complete continuing education requirements in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of

Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07101, within 21 days of the filing of this Final Order of Discipline in this matter.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:



Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President